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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 2242

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TAGS: SHUM PINS IR  
SUBJ: CIVIL DISTURBANCES: TABRIZ, ELSEWHERE

REF: A. TEHRAN 2178, B. TEHRAN 2175

SUMMARY: CHANGES CONTINUE IN EAST AZARBAIJAN PROVINCIAL  
ADMINISTRATION. MORE ARRESTED AND RELEASED IN TABRIZ.  
ADDITIONAL POLICE ARRIVE IN TABRIZ. IN TEHRAN, SOME RELEASED  
ON PASSING SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE CHARGES, OTHERS CHARGED.  
LITERATURE BEING PASSED NOT LIBERAL OPPOSITIONIST CIRCULARS,  
BUT ANTI-SHAH CALLS TO RIOT. END SUMMARY.

1. PESS MARCH 5, REPORTS ARREST OF 15 ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS  
IN TABRIZ BRINGING TOTAL ARRESTED TO 641, OF WHICH 110 ALREADY  
RELEASED AND 25 MORE SLATED FOR DISCHARGE ACCORDING TO TABRIZ  
COURT EXAMINER. MEDIA ALSO ANNOUNCE THAT DEATH TOLL HAS RISEN  
TO 12 AS RESULT OF RECENT DEATH OF STUDENT FROM INJURIES.

2. NEW EAST AZARBAIJAN GOVERNOR GENERAL APPOINTMENT BEING  
REPORTED SEPTTEL. TWO NEW POLICE APPOINTMENTS HAVE ALOS  
BEEN ANNOUNCED. FORMER TEHRAN TRAFFIC POLICE CHIEF  
BRIG GEN. PARVIZ AFSARI HAS BEEN SENT TO HEAD WEST  
AZARBAIJAN POLICE AND COLONEL QORBAN ALI TORABI WILL BE  
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NEW DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF FOR EAST AZARBAIJAN CENTRAL POLICE.  
RUMORS OUT OF COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING NEGLIGENCE CHARGES  
AGAINST FORMER EASTAZARBAIJAN CHIEF SUGGEST HE WILL BE  
EXPELLED FROM FORCE OR DEMOTED.

3. SMALL ITEM IN PRESS MARCH 5 NOTED 400 ADDITIONAL  
POLICE HAVE BEEN SENT TO TABRIZ, US SOURCE IN TEHRAN SAYS

27 BUS LOADS OF IRANIAN ARM SPECIAL FORCES LEFT TEHRAN FOR TABRIZ ABOUT FEB. 27. TWO STORIES PROBABLY REFERRING TO SAME GROUP. CONSULATE TABRIZ REPORTS ARMY HAS BEEN LESS OBVIOUS OVER PAST FEW DAYS, AND SEEMS TO BE FADING DISCREETLY INTO BACKGROUND.

4. IN TEHRAN, PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED RELEASE OF EIGHT OF 13 INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED (REF A) LATE LAST WEEK FOR PASSING SUBVERSIVE LITERATURE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. REMAINING FIVE WILL BE INDICTED ALONG WITH FIVE CHARGED EARLIER (REF A). SENIOR UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL TOLD POLCOUNS THAT THOSE ARRESTED WERE PASSING OUT CALLS TO FURTHER RIOTS WITH STRONG ANTI-SHAH TONE. SOURCE CHARACTERIZED THEM AS DEFINITELY NOT MODERATE OPPOSITIONIST CIRCULARS "WE HAVE COME TO EXPTECT", BUT DEFINITE HARD-LINE EFFORT. SAME SOURCE NOTED SHAH HAD TOLD UNIVERSITY LEADERS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE ARRESTS OF STUDENTS -UNIVERSITIES MUST ADMINISTRATIVELY DISCIPLINE THEIR OWN. UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THIS MEANT STUDENS ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES OR STUDENTS ANYWHERE. EMBASSY SUSPECTS GOI POLICE/SECURITY FORCES GIVEN ORDERS NOT TO GO ON CAMPUSES, BUT THAT STUDENTS ELSEWHERE WILL BE TREATED SAME AS ANY OTHER DEMONSTRATORS.

5. ANTICIPATED FULL REPORT ON RIOTS (REF B) NOT YET RELEASED, BUT WE UNDERSTAND INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE LAID  
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VIRTUALLY ENTIRE BLAME ON PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES  
PRIVATE SOURCES TELL US THIS HAS INCREASED PRIME MINISTER'S  
SUSPICION THAT SECURITY SERVICES ARE HOSTILE TO HIM,  
SINCE DEPOSED GOVERNOR WAS HIS UNCLE ON MOTHER'S SIDE.  
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